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Mr. Robert Harwitch,
Department of State 6263
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Thank you for all the time you gave me in Washington last week.

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[redacted] information was as follows:

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Relative to the sugar crop, in his opinion they will hardly reach 3,000,000 metric tons. This because of poor cultivation, unfavorable weather conditions, chaotic transportation conditions, which include trucks, rails, etc., labor troubles, etc. [redacted]

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[redacted] estimated that Francisco would have a cane supply of 25,000,000 arrobas, Elia 15,000,000 arrobas and Jobabo 15,000,000 arrobas. Francisco and Elia were operated by us and the cane supply of both these mills used to total 110 to 120 million arrobas. Jobabo probably had a cane supply of 40 to 50 million arrobas. These mills were grinding irregularly.

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[redacted] reported that the oil situation was tight and that according to his informant, there was a total oil supply for only ten days.

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The cane cutting machines that are being tried in the Jobabo area were not proving successful because of stumps, rocks, etc. in the cane fields. The machines supposedly came from the U.S. by way of Mexico and are called "Hurricane".

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[redacted] further reported that in the last six months there have been no fish [redacted] although because of their proximity to the south coast they formerly had a very good fish supply. His explanation-

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tion was that the Russians have some refrigerated ships where
the fishing fleet came in and that the fish were taken by the Russians.

Sincerely,

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